

MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LE-HI-HO

DATE: August 17, 1976

TIME: 7:00 P.M. (1900 hrs.)

PLACE: Residence of Ron and Rick

ATTENDANCE: Board of Directors: Helmuth J. Baerwald
Rick D. Balmer
Ken P. Burke
Edwin H. Ettinger
Ron Seeds ✓

Members: Bob Pfenning
Bob Steelman

CORRESPONDENCE: We are in receipt of a letter from Lou Augustine resigning her position as Board member for personal reasons. The vacancy created was recommended to be filled by Bob Steelman providing he would consent to serve. According to the By-Laws, Article 6, section 5 the Chairperson may with the consent of the other board members appoint someone to fill a vacancy occurring in the Board. Accordingly this was done and Bob Steelman who appeared for the meeting later accepted the request of the Chairperson to serve as a board member for the remainder of Lou Augustine's term.

BOARD OF ADVISORS: After some general discussion about what these individuals would do and what their actual function would be, this matter was then tabled for a later date. Generally the idea of more people attending Board meetings and working with the Board was favorably received.

QUESTIONNAIRE: It was suggested by Edwin Ettinger that some type of questionnaire be devised for the purpose of finding out what our members (mailing list) and gay people at large think about what direction our organization should take. After some brief discussion it was recommended that a committee be formed to work up a schedule. This might give the Board some insight as to why there are so few people involved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting is scheduled for September 17, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. at the residence of Ken and Lou. The meeting thereafter is scheduled for October 19, 1976 at the residence of John Sipos (tentatively). Place to be confirmed.

LE-HI-HO BANNER: Rick Hoffman has proposed to design a banner representing our organization. Generally this idea was favorably received. A proposal of cost and design is to be submitted to the board for consideration at a later date.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was submitted to the Board for consideration. Present operating balance is: \$458.36.

NEWSLETTER: To avoid adding a number of uninterested parties to our Newsletter list until the next screening it was suggested that all individuals who recently wrote to LE-HI-HO expressing their desire to receive information about our organization be sent the September issue of the newsletter with a notice indicating further issues would have to be expressly desired in writing. Deadline for the Newsletter is 9.10.76.

LIBRARY: Rick gave a report on several books purchased which would be reviewed in the Newsletter. The current lending policy will remain in effect for the time being. Rick also stated that a supplement to the Bibliography would be forthcoming shortly.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Rick noted that he intended to depart from previous experience

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS ctd.: in that we would wait to be solicited for panels and/or speaking engagements. Rick stated that he would compile a listing of organizations in the near future and inform them of our availability to speak and or be part of panels. RURAL GAY CAUCUS: LE-HI-HO had agreed to sponsor the Rural Gay Caucus meeting for September 11, 1976. Ken expressed the hope of possibly obtaining a meeting room at the Northampton Community College for that purpose. If this is not possible the meeting would have to be held at the Church.

MARK FREEDMAN SCHOLARSHIP: Ken expressed some interest in setting up a scholarship at one of the Universities in memory of Mark Freedman. The monies for this venture would not be forthcoming from the Treasury as several individuals had already expressed their willingness to contribute toward this cause. After some brief discussion this matter was deferred for a later meeting.

SOCIAL EVENTS: A Covered dish supper was recommended by Ed for the September 26 meeting. It was decided however that with all the turmoil created by the Kameny visit, this matter should be deferred until October. A Punch will however be planned for after the presentation by Dr. Kameny.

FUND RAISING: Bob Pfenning announced that the solicitation part of this activity was now completed. He stated that other suggestions i.e. Auctions etc. had been made and will work out some arrangements to present at a later date.

FRANK KAMENY: Ken presented the programming for the September meeting. Frank Kameny has tentatively agreed to speak to LE-HI-HO on the 26th. Expected costs for this program are anticipated to be in the neighborhood of \$100.00 (flight approx. \$50.00 and honorarium another \$50.00). The need to gain as much publicity out of this venture as possible was expressed and subsequently a committee was set up to deal with this matter. Members of the committee: H.J. Baerwald, R.D. Balmer, K.P. Burke and Bob Steelman. This committee was to meet on 8.19.76 at Ken's residence to map out strategy to be pursued.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at approx. 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Helmuth J. Baerwald

Helmuth J. Baerwald, Secretary

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